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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR  
ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1941.

Cromer.  
6th July, 1942.

Gentlemen,

The Annual Report for 1941 is on the lines indicated in Circular 2604 dated 24th March, 1942 and is an interim Report only. The Sunshine for the year was 1422 hours as compared with 1633 hours in 1940; the Rainfall was 22.71 inches as compared with 23.83 inches in 1940.

SECTION A - STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

(In accordance with Circular 2604 on grounds of national security no statistics as to population are given).

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	1148.
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£33,176
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	£111. 1. 8d

There was practically no season as visitors were prohibited coming to Cromer as it was a Defence Area.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total	M.	F.	
Live Births (Legitimate)	36	24	12	
(Illegitimate)	4	1	3	
Still Births (Legitimate)	2	1	1	Rate per 1000 total (Live & Still) births 47.61.
Deaths	55	26	29	
Deaths from puerperal causes	None.			

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age (1):-  
All infants per 1000 live births. 25.0.  
Legitimate infants per 1000 live births 25.0.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	8.
" " Measles (all ages)	0.
" " Whooping-Cough	0.
" " Diarrhoea (under two years of age)	0.

The Still Birth Rate is 47.61 as compared in 1940 with 33.53 per 1000 total Births, the Still Birth Rate for England & Wales being 0.51.  
The Infantile Mortality is 25.00 as compared with 103.44 in 1940, the Infantile Mortality of England & Wales being 59.

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN 1941.

	M.	F.
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	-
9. Influenza	-	2
13. Cancer of buccal Cavity & Oesophagus	1	-
14. Cancer of Stomach & duodenum	2	1
16. Cancer of all other sites	1	3
18. Intra-cranial Vascular lesions	1	6
19. Heart Disease	5	7
20. Other diseases of circulatory System	1	2
21. Bronchitis	-	2
22. Pneumonia	4	-
23. Other respiratory diseases	-	1
26. Appendicitis	1	-
27. Other digestive diseases	1	-
Carried forward	19	24

CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1941(Continued).

		M.	F.
	Brought forward	19	24
28.	Nephritis	-	2
31.	Congenital Malformation: birth injury: Infant disease.	-	1
33.	Suicide	1	-
35.	Other violent causes	4	1
36.	All other causes	2	1
		<u>26.</u>	<u>29.</u>

SECTION B - GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

1. (i) Medical Officer of Health (part time)  
R. C. M. Colvin-Smith, M.B., B.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,  
Sanitary Inspector (who is also Surveyor and Waterworks Manager)  
G. L. Robinson, M.I.M. & Cy.E., M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Certificated  
Inspector of Meat & Other Foods. Commenced June 1st, 1941  
in place of Mr. G. Eric Mitchell, resigned.
- (ii)(a) Laboratory facilities. No Change.  
(b) Ambulance facilities. Adequate.  
(c) Nursing in the Home. No change.  
(d) Treatment Centres & Clinic. No Change.  
(e) Hospitals(Public), Isolation Hospital, Joint Erpingham,  
North Walsham, Sheringham & Cromer at Roughton to which  
cases are sent.  
(Voluntary) Cromer & District Hospital (38 beds).

SECTION C. - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) Water. The water from Motton is controlled by a chemical and  
bacteriological examination once yearly, the results indicate  
an efficiently treated water, pure and wholesome in character,  
and suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

3. (iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Tabular Statement furnished by the Sanitary Inspector  
under Article 27(18) of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London)  
Regulations, 1935.

House to house inspections	...	...	...	151
Special Inspections	...	...	...	11
Inspections of Nuisances discovered	...	...	...	10
Re-inspections to ascertain progress of Sanitary and formal orders.	...	...	...	17
Visits in connection with Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	10
Inspections under Workshop & Factory Act.	...	...	...	15
Re-inspections	...	...	...	3
Inspections of Dairies, Milkshops & Cowsheds	...	...	...	8
Inspections of Tenements	...	...	...	3
Inspections of Foodshops (Other than Dairies & Bakehouses)	...	...	...	19
				<u>241</u>
Premises Disinfected	...	...	...	1
Rooms disinfected	...	...	...	22
Premises to which Smoke Test Applied	...	...	...	1
Committee meetings attended	...	...	...	12
Preliminary Notices served	...	...	...	7
Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	0
Legal Proceedings taken	...	...	...	0
Defects found by house to house inspection	...	...	...	6
" " " other inspection	...	...	...	1
" " " Workshop Inspections	...	...	...	0
" " " Tenement Inspections	...	...	...	1

SECTION D - HOUSING.

No action taken during the year.



SECTION F - PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

General. Diseases notified amongst civilian population:-

Scarlet Fever	26
Whooping-cough	11
Diphtheria	1
Measles	123
Pneumonia	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	2
Chickenpox	12
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2
Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis	2

During the year I have received 4 copies of reports on Swabbing for Diphtheria from the Norfolk County Laboratory.

NOTIFIED DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1941.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	26	18	0
Diphtheria	1	1	1
Pneumonia	1	0	1

Fatal case of pneumonia notified.

Age Groups - Scarlet Fever 3-4, one; 4-5, one; 5-10, eight; 10-15, eight; 15-20, three; 20-35, two; 35-45, two; 45-65, one.

Whooping-cough Under one year, one; 5-10, nine; 10-15, one.

Diphtheria 45-65, one.

Measles Under one year, one; 1-2, four; 2-3, three; 3-4, seven; 4-5, nine; 5-10, eighty; 10-15, nine; 15-20, six; 20-35, three; 35-45, one.

Pneumonia 65 & over, one.

Puerperal Pyrexia 20-35, two.

Chickenpox Under one year, one; 3-4, one; 4-5, two; 5-10, three; 10-15, four; 20-35, one.

DIPHTHERIA PROPHYLAXIS.

269 Children were inoculated with A.P.T.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases and mortality during, 1941.

Age Periods	new Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1-2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
5-15	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
15-25	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
45-55	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and upwards	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-

Both Fatal cases notified.

ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

1. Inspections for purpose of provisions as to Health, including Inspections by Sanitary Inspector.

Premises.	Number of.		
	Inspection	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted.
1.	2.	3.	4.
Factories (with mechanical power).	2	0	0
Factories (without mechanical power).	15	0	0
Other premises	1	0	0
	18	0	0

## 2 Defects.

Particulars.	Number of defects.			Number of offences in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Want of cleanliness (S.I.)	1	1	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors.	0	0	0	0
Other offences	0	0	0	0
	1	1	0	0

There have been no instances of outwork in unwholesome premises.

In conclusion I have to thank Mr. G. L. Robinson for his valuable help in compiling this report.

I am, Sirs,

Your obedient Servant,

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